



District 2 Update

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Downtown Planning Effort Launches in Downtown

For the first time since 1992, downtown residents, businesses and property owners will be able to articulate and formulate a new vision for downtown that will include placement of neighborhood amenities, densities, height restrictions, street design, schools, social services and other key elements that make a downtown area great. The current Community Plan, formulated in 1992, does not include the 26-block Ballpark District, the North and South Embarcadero redevelopment plans, the revitalization of Cortez Hill, or the Convention Center expansion.

The proposed Community Plan Update is a tremendous undertaking that involves input from a team of consultants with the highest credentials and a blue-ribbon steering committee of stakeholders. The proposal also calls for an advisory sub-committee structure that ensures the input of every interest group, from artists to developers, from police to homeless advocates. The process, funded by redevelopment dollars from the Centre City Development Corporation (CCDC) may take 18 months and nearly \$2 million. But the outcome will be a solid blueprint that will take downtown planning forward to the year 2020.

The process was initiated by Councilmember Wear, who recognized the need for a downtown Planning Group, the only large neighborhood in the City that is not represented on the city-wide Community Planning Council. The first step was to transition the

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Areas of Downtown that will impact the Community Plan Update include the Campbell's Shipyard, which is planned to accommodate a major hotel.

Focus in March: Pacific Beach

On The Docket

The City Council dockets are issued each Wednesday preceding the Monday and Tuesday meetings. Please call the City Clerk at 533-4000 for Docket information.:

Items on the docket frequently include three states of emergency that must be approved on a regular basis: Raw sewage discharges from Tijuana, Economic depression in the San Diego-Tijuana Border Region and Health Emergency due to the spread of Hepatitis C and HIV.

Why these reoccurring items? The City Council must renew these states of emergency to qualify for Federal dollars that can help solve these

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Board Meets 2nd Wednesday at 2:00pm

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Shown live on City Access Television, Channel 24

Centre City Advisory Committee

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Downtown San Diego Partnership

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Meets 3rd Tuesday at 7:30am

Wyndham Hotel, Emerald Plaza, 400 W. Broadway

(*Not A Public Meeting)

East Village Association

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Meets 2nd Thursday at 3:30pm*

Clarion Hotel, 660 K St., East Village (*Not a Public Meeting)

Gaslamp Quarter Association

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Meets 1st Tuesday at 8:30am

Our Lady of the Rosary Church, 1659 Columbia St., Little Italy

Downtown Resident's Group

Contact: Gary Smith (619) 232-0110

Meets 2nd Monday at 6:00pm

Park Row Clubhouse, 701 Kettner Blvd., Marina

Project Area Committee (PAC) into a more comprehensive planning entity, which was recently accomplished with the establishment of the Centre City Advisory Committee (CCAC). This newly-elected body will assist in planning functions in relation to the other planning groups and perform design review functions as the various projects coming forward for approval.

Unique to the proposed downtown planning effort is the participation of representatives from many agencies, such as the Convention Center Corporation, the County Board of Supervisors, the Downtown San Diego Partnership, MTDB, the Port District and other groups that care about the direction of downtown.

The proposal had its first airing at the Land Use & Housing Committee on Jan. 30, chaired by Councilmember Wear. Given direction to complete the Steering Committee roster, and refine the public outreach processes, CCDC will prepare the proposal for Council approval



Various downtown stakeholders will be heard in the public outreach sessions of the Community Plan Update: From top left, clockwise, Katherine Stuart Faulconer, Gaslamp Quarter Association; Loren Stewart, Old Towne Trolley; Gayle Falkenthal, Convention Center Corp.; Bob Morris, Episcopal Community Services; Mayor Dick Murphy, Ruben Andrews, Graphic Solutions, Nikki Clay, Carpi & Clay; Victoria Hamilton, City of San Diego Arts & Culture Commission; Leslie Wade, East Village Association; Caryl Iseman, East Village resident and Gaslamp Quarter business owner.

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Councilmember Wear
congratulates Sheriff Bill
Kolender with a resolution
declaring Office of the
Sheriff Day in San Diego.

Councilmember Wear has been working with proponents of the historic Balboa Theatre to bring this “Cinderella” of the Gaslamp Quarter out of the ashes and to the ball. Watch for final details to be approved by Council and for a groundbreaking to begin in the fall.



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